Power Position in Delhi

58. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 3 power feeders supplying electricity to Delhi remained out of order for several months resulting in power crisis during the present summer season;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not repairing them in time and what is the present position;

(c) what is the installed capacity of DESU and Badarpur Thermal Power Stations; and

(d) whether any long-term or short-term plan has been formulated to improve the capital's power scenario; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) None of the transmission lines feeding power to Delhi from the Northern Grid remained out of order for long durations. However, planned shut-downs or break-downs limited to small durations are availed of for maintenance/repairs.

(c) and (d) The installed capacity of DESU and BTPS is about 1319MW. The steps taken to improve the power supply position in Delhi include strengthening and augmentation of transmission and distribution system at various voltage levels, installation of 3x34.07 MW Waste Heat Recovery Units at the existing Gas Turbines of DESU and a 400 KV Transmission Ring around Delhi. Setting up of a 800 MW Gas based power station in Delhi is also envisaged in the Eighth Plan subject to the availability of resources.

Dispute over price of A-320 aircraft

59. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines and Air Bus Industrie of France are involved in a dispute over the increased cost of the Air Bus A-320 aircraft due to delay in taking of its delivery;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to settle the matter; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in taking delivery, leading to these disputes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) There is no dispute, but negotiations are in progress between Indian Airlines and Airbus Industrie in this matter.

Generation of Hydel Power in the Country

60. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great potential for generation of hydel power in the country but its actual generation is quite low;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is its break-up at present;

(c) whether Government also propose to involve private sector in generation of hydel power in the country; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a)